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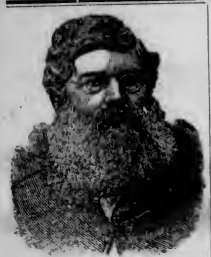
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"THE DAMNED STUFF CALLED ALCOHOL"

I believe that alcohol, to a certain
degree, demoralizes those who make
it, those who sell it, and those who
drink it.

I believe from the time it issues
from the coldest and poisonous womb
of the distillery until it empties into
the hell of crime, death and dishonor,
it demoralizes everybody that touches
it.

I do not believe that anybody can
contemplate the subject without be-
coming prejudiced against this liquid
crime.

All you have to do is to think of the
death—of the suicides, of the inani-
mity, of the poverty, of the ignorance,
of the distress, of the little children
tugging at the faded dresses of weeping
and despairing wives, asking for
bread; of the men of genius it has
wrecked; of the millions who have
struggled with imaginary serpents
produced by this devilish taint.

And when you think of the jails,
of the almshouses, of the prisons, and
of the scaffold upon which I do not
wonder that every thoughtful man
is prejudiced against the damned stuff
called alcohol.

ROBERT G. INGEROLL.
Keep Church and State forever
separate!—GRANT.

"In no sense whatsoever is this gov-
ernment founded upon the Christian
religion."—WASHINGTON.

"The divorce between Church and
State should be absolute."—Garfield.

WANTED—The name and address of
every farmer in the U. S. that has
a drilled case, well, or mill-
stones having one put down. Mills
& Ross Co., (well specialists), Me-
dona, Wisconsin.
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SATOLLI

PAID HIS RESPECTS TO PRES-
IDENT ROOSEVELT.

Cardinal Satolli paid his respect
to President Roosevelt yesterday and
was received in the Blue Room. In
his speech he said:

"You have not an example of the
highest wisdom and equity in those
things which concerned both your
Government and religion in the
Philippine Islands, and because of
this I saw a sweet smile on the ven-
erable Pontiff, who, laden with years
and at the height of his glory, gave
you the government of the church
militant blessing the American Re-
public."

Every one ought to be able to see
that this unusual and extraordinary
visit of a Cardinal of the Holy Ro-
man church to this country is but
the preliminary steps of establishing di-
plomatic relations with the Vatican.

Several years ago the church sent
here an Abbot, or an Apostolic
delegate. In referring to him, he was
never spoken of as the Apostolic de-
legate to the Catholic church but in-
stead "the Apostolic delegate to the
country." In fact, if not in name, di-
plomatic relations have already been
established. The church has its say
and its share in electing every Pres-
ident and that is what Satolli is here
for.

It is a remarkable thing that the
Republican party had only one candi-
date for president. Heretofore, it has
always had a half dozen aspirants.
Why have they all stood back for
Roosevelt? It is plain enough. Roose-
velt was smart enough to bag the
Catholic church. He put out a feeler
as to how the American people would
take it if he sent Taft to the Vatican.
There was little opposition—of course
not. The project of this country
could wear a religious cloak, and as
I said in a recent issue, the only
consistent position a Liberal can take
is to find out what the monopolist
and priest want and who they are
and then vote directly the opposite.

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We are killing human beings, and
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Independence. We are tramping up
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napped an American citizen and are
holding him for a ransom. Proudly
we boast of our protection over the
humblest citizen in foreign lands,
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speech, we have sent a feeler there,
and demanded the return of Pedicaris
or the head of the band and threaten
to blow the Sultan and the whole country
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Theodore Roosevelt.

In saying this I am not talking for
the Democratic nominee, or for any
candidate. We will wait and see who
the other side brings out and how
his platform may be just as bad.

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Mrs. Henry and Closs would be
most conspicuous and operate, I be-
lieve, for the greatest good.

Moncure D. Conway.

I see that the Truth Seeker is rais-
ing a fund to send Dr. Moncure D.
Conway as "the representative of
American Freethinkers."

I am also happy to know that Dr.
Conway is to go. In fact, my great-
est disappointment is that so few are
going, and that America will be so
poorly represented in numbers. We
can never expect to get the interna-
tional Congress to come to New
York until enough Americans attend
over there to make some show and
awaken enthusiasm.

I know when I set there that my
greatest regret will be to find so few
Americans in the midst. I shall wish
for the presence of a thousand Ameri-
cans, especially for the old warriors,
who by pen and by contribution
have done so much to sustain the
cause throughout the world. This is
their victory, not of youngsters, like
myself.

I would like to see Dr. Foote there,
and N. F. Griswold and Dr. Bowles,
Wetmore, Englehardt and Crofoot,
and Omar Glenn and R. D. Moore and
Molesta Smith, and Walte and West-
stein and Greenhill and Severance,
and Plotts and Hall and Chamber-
lain and Curtis and hundreds of others
I might name, along with my
editors and prominent writers, who
have labored so long and gloriously
in the cause.

As to the Representation.

I wish it to be understood that I
am not going as "The representative of
American Freethinkers."
This phrase includes ALL and I
am sure I have no ambition to repre-
sent ALL of them; besides there is a
small squad who would rather be
represented by Dowse or the Devil
than by me.

So let it be understood that I go
as the representative of the Nation-
al Liberal Party and of those Liber-
als who have endorsed my going by
subscribing for my proposed book
and of those who want me to go, who
have not subscribed for it, and also
as representative for the Blue Grass
Blade, the paper having the largest
circulation of any in the country.

This fully satisfies my ambition. I
don't want to be the WHOLE PUSH
in anything. A Liberal should never
be little. I would like to see every
State in the American Republic rep-
resented, and I would like to see ev-
ery paper have its reporter there.
There is only one great object in
Liberal work and that is the spread-
ing of it.

So, I am glad to know that Dr.
Moncure D. Conway, one of our great-
est and grandest men, will represent
the A. S. U. No better selection
could have been made. Mr. Conway
developed into Freethought while
pastor of a Unitarian congregation in
Cincinnati, years and years ago. He
was loved and venerated here.
There is no name of the past gen-
eration spoken so frequently here as
that of Moncure D. Conway. He
started Freethought in Cincinnati, and
the seed he sowed has produced a
thousand fold. As before stated, the
A. S. U. is raising money to defray
Dr. Conway's expenses, and I hope
my friends will be as generous to-
ward him as they have been with me.
Send all contributions to Dr. E. B.
Foote, 121 Lexington Ave., New York
City.

TOM PAINE'S MONUMENT.

In order that the monument erect-
ed to Thomas Paine, the great de-
ist, on North street, shall be in a con-
spicuous place of the street, it has been
left almost in the middle of the
street. The Mayor, Aldermen and
friends of the Mayor, have decided
on a new site. Captain George W.
Lloyd, the caretaker of the monument,
says that Mr. Lester, of the
National City Bank has donated land
about 30 feet from North street,
and that an iron railing will be
built around it like the one round
the Ben Franklin monument in Print-
ing House Square, New York City—
New Rochelle (N. Y.) Record.

BASE BALL.

Sunday July 3rd, Cincinnati vs.
Pittsburg. Excursion to Cincinnati
and return via Queen and Crescent
Route, \$1.25 for the round trip. Ask
agent for particulars.

HAS FAMILY OF 12; INCOME \$3 A WEEK

Employee of Parry Manufacturing
Company Tells Court of Strug-
gle for Existence.

"DID THE BEST HE COULD."
DECLARES HE TO JUDGE.

Fine is Suspended and Charles
Wright is Sent Back to
Try Again.

(From Indianapolis Star.)

"I did the best I could, your hon-
or," said Charles Wright to Judge
Whallon in Police Court yesterday.
He was charged with deserting his
wife and children. There are eleven
children, nine of them minors,
and all living at home.

The man, stout and careworn,
stretched out his long arms and looked
appealingly at the judge as he
told his story.

"I did the best I could," he con-
tinued. "I work for the Parry Manu-
facturing Company. I work hard and
do all I can get to do, but I don't
make much."

Sometimes I draw \$6 or \$7 on pay
day, and after I pay my helper I have
\$5 or \$6 left. But three weeks ago
now and I have more money than I
had last winter. Then I often had
but \$2 left after the helper was paid
and there have been pay days when
there was only \$1 in my envelope.

I do piece work and sometimes there
is little to be had."

Wright and his wife quarreled at
Easter and he left home. She said
he spent his earnings at saloons, but
he denied it.

"There isn't much left to spend for
drink after feeding and clothing thir-
teen persons on such wages," he said.
Last winter I walked all the way
from our home in Hawthville to the
factory. I walked back every day,
too. It was cold and I was tired, but
I couldn't afford to spend money for
car fare."

He said some of his little sons were
able to work, but did not. Judge Whallon
told him the little children needed
his care and that he must go back.
A fine of \$100 was suspended.

Comment—The above is a sad
story, and all the sadder because the
man is an employ of Parry, the mil-
lionaire president of the Manufactur-
ers and Employers' Association, who
gained to boycott the workmen.
Parry goes about over the country
talking about justice to the laborer,
calling every man who strikes "brute
and anarchists." The above account,
clipped from the Indianapolis Star,
his own home paper, shows his jus-
tice and the prosperity (?) of some
of his employees.

DR. WILSON'S

FRIENDS ARE REQUESTED TO RE-
MIT THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS
AT ONCE.

Shall Dr. J. B. Wilson represent
American Freethinkers at the coming
Freethought Congress of the world?
And is it a physical impossibility to
raise a fund of one thousand dollars
for that purpose?

Let the reader decide for himself.
As to the sentiments entertained by
Dr. Wilson's friends in Cincinnati I
would say that it is the consensus of
opinion that the Doctor shall go to
Rome and that a thousand dollars
ought and can be raised.

We now have about \$300 in the
bank and about \$50 in the Blade of-
fice. We still have \$300 to collect
from those who have subscribed, and
if they will remit the amount of their
subscription at once there is no ques-
tion but that Dr. Wilson will be able
to make the trip and publish the book
on his return.

If the three hundred subscribers
will remit at once, will guarantee to
raise one hundred dollars in Cincinnati
in addition to former subscrip-
tions in this city. This will give us
\$550, and I am sure that we will re-
ceive the other 250 subscribers be-
fore the Doctor's return from Rome.
Hence it ought to be an established
fact that the President of the National
Liberal Party will be able both to
make the journey and publish the book.

All we ask now is for the subscrip-
tors who have not yet remitted the respec-
tive amount of their subscription to do so
at once, and if possible to get their
friends to subscribe and remit.
MORRIS SACHS,
Atlas Bank Bldg., Cincinnati, O.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN

HER DEATHED CONFESSES THAT SHE HAD KILLED FOUR PERSONS.

She said, on her deathbed, that she had killed four persons, her mother, brother, sister and a baby.

She said she killed her mother, brother and sister because they were so sick that death was a blessing, and that she killed the baby by striking a pin into its head because it was a disgrace. They all belonged to a respectable family.

She detailed the circumstances under which she killed the first three "with white powders," so that, in the memory of those who remember the circumstances, some think the woman murdered them, while in the opinion of others she said what she did under the influence of dementia. Some persons remember that the infant had an injury on its head.

The physicians say the deaths were sudden but they think they were from natural causes.

REV. DR. SAVAGE TALKS AGAINST THE BIBLE

Dr. Milton Savage has again created a sensation. Replying to the attacks of the Bible League Dr. Savage says in part: The men who are leading in the higher criticism of the Bible and who are now being assailed so bitterly by the American Bible League are representative scholars of the world, scientific thinkers, leaders, teachers who have given us a new universe, a new conception of God, a new idea concerning the origin and nature of man. They are not seeking to support or to undermine anything. They are seeking for the truth as the only sacred thing on earth.

I would like to have you consider what this book is about which all this controversy is raging. It is really not one book but of small volumes. They are written during a period of nearly a thousand years in different countries by different people. The first book was written about 800 years before Christ. The first five books of the Bible were written between five and six hundred years before Christ.

The historical books tell us about the days of Judges then of Kings, the wars of Israel until the time of the captivity. Then the Book of Job purely anonymous and no one knows who wrote it. The Book of Psalms, the hymn book of the people of Israel and the books of the prophets. It would be more proper to call them prayers for they made no effort to foretell anything but merely to tell people that if they followed certain lines of conduct certain things would happen.

No book was placed in the Bible by anything that claimed to be divine authority. No law concerning the biblical canon was ever issued by the church earlier than the sixteenth century and that changed nothing; it simply recognized what the fact was. These books drifted together and came to be bound as one by force of gravity by common consent and there are one or two books in the New Testament which scholars could miss without feeling any the poorer.

No body then is assailing the Bible for the reason that the Bible as such has never made any claim. The Bible does not claim to be inspired; it does not claim to be infallible. No writer of one book is authorized to speak for the author of any other book. I suppose that God might have given us an infallible book if he had chosen and if he had given us such a book he would have made us sure that it was infallible.

God confined his revelations to one family and its descendants until about 2,000 years ago. Never a ray of light, never a whisper of guidance to any body else. Then he or some inconceivable third person—let us admit it to give any rational idea—came down to earth lived a little over thirty years and went back to the throne of the universe. He did this to save men and he sent forth his spirit to teach and guide and lead. And yet not a third of the inhabitants have yet heard of him and the great majority of those who have heard don't believe it.

If I were compelled to believe that God holds me responsible for Adam's sin and that the immense majority of the world is doomed to everlasting torment and that only a selected few here and there are to enter into eternal felicity I might bow my head and

accept it but I could not rejoice in it. It is barbarous.

The men who try to make us accept such dogmas are the real infidels of the world and it is infidelity they are creating—infidelity a hundred times worse than that which they call by that name.

DR. WILSON'S ARTICLE ON "SPIRIT FRUIT"

While I greatly admire Dr. Wilson, as seems to be common among Bible readers, there are sometimes when I do not entirely sanction all he says, showing that "Doctors will differ" even though the specialty of one is pills and of the other theology, and, in this connection, I want to say that a good little editorial in the Blade that wound up with a slam at "pluripotency" with whom a man in my financial status would naturally be in sympathy—that had no signature to it and that, therefore, appeared to be mine, should have had the Doctor's "w" at the bottom of it.

It says something which I would not say personally, but which I am perfectly willing to have him say on his own name, or any part of his name. But in the article on "Spirit Fruit," he touched upon all the points concerning which I have hitherto differed, somewhat, with him and did not say a single word that did not express, exactly, my view of the question.

I regard him as being, in his sex, the greatest living exponent of infidelity, and I know of no man who approaches him in the qualifications necessary to represent American Infidelity in the infidel Congress to be held at Rome.

As I am now "a moneyless man" I feel that if I had money I would just say to Dr. Wilson to go ahead with the Rome project and draw on me, ad libitum, for the desired funds, but I suppose if I were rich I would do as rich men do—nothing. I was once in Rome and did not "do as Romans do" in all things.

Dr. Wilson will probably never make money out of his religious views as Ingersoll did, but will rather lose it as Paine did, but Wilson has already written his name high in the temple of America's immortals who have done good for their country.

We do not merely owe it to him but to ourselves and to the greatest of all causes the cause of truth, to see that Dr. Wilson has plenty of money subscribed for his Rome Congress book to send him there.

LETTERS ABOUT THE SUBJECT

Camden, O. June 21, 1904.

Dear Brother Moore:

You are mistaken in your recent statement in the Blade that Bob Burdette turned preacher because he found the profession an easy "graft." Bob doesn't have to graft for a living as he is supported in "oriental luxury" by his present wife. Some years ago Bob, himself a penniless widower, married a widow in Pasadena, Calif. who is reputed to be worth several millions and who is prominent in church work.

Now, as Bob doesn't have to preach for a living as the only alternative of honest work, there is absolutely no excuse for himself, unless his wife makes him do it.

Bob was already a preacher when he married, and it seems marriage hasn't reformed him. When he left Burlington, Ia., and went to Brooklyn, N. Y., which city, by the way, has more churches and less religion than any other in the land), to take the position of staff humorist for the Eagle, he undertook to solve the liquor problem by his own unaided efforts. The method he attempted was to put the saloon keepers out of business by drinking all their stock, but he found the job too great even for his extraordinary ability in that direction. His self-sacrificing devotion to the amperance cause affected his standing in the Eagle office, and he lost his job. It was then he went to preaching and lecturing on temperance.

For a few years he was pastor of a little Baptist church in North Haddon, a suburb of Philadelphia, and often went out to hear him preach. For, while Bob has the most wretched delivery of any public speaker I ever heard, and is about the "onierest" looking specimen of humanity I ever saw, and the substance of his sermons is usually brilliant, being filled with sweet sentiment and the purest of poetic thought.

I was once disappointed when I went to hear Bob deliver a temperance lecture in a public hall. He arrived nearly an hour late, and was so drunk when he appeared that the committee in charge requested him to leave the platform and called the lecture off.

I have not heard that Bob has quit drinking since his marriage. His wife has taken him on a tour of Europe and otherwise treated him well. Yours truly, WALTER HURT.

NOISY DOWIE

Religious Mountebank and Counterfeit Takes Crack at the King and Appeals Low Broad Epithet to Reporters.

New York, June 27.—On his first public appearance after his trip around the world, John Alexander Dowie attacked the character of King Edward, declared that he loved President Roosevelt and denounced reporters. He spoke at Carnegie Hall in the morning and afternoon making two addresses at each session.

After much bitter reference to King Edward he said: "Defender of the Faith. Indeed, two weeks ago he went to the Duke of Devonshire to see some horses and set points about a coming race. The prophet is a mighty man than the King, and what the prophet said has made his throne totter."

I love Theodore Roosevelt, but if he does a great wrong, I shall not be afraid to tell him of it, and I believe he is too good a man to be afraid to hear it.

The reporters he shouted:

But I say to each one of you fellows—Beware. You will each have to stand before God for your own sins. "Touch not mine anointed, and do not mine harm." God declares, and He will protect His prophets. All Hars have their portion of the lake which burneth fire and brimstone. You can laugh yourselves out. A Methodist minister once scoffed at me, and then put out for disturbing the service. I told him to beware, and my words in his ears. Three days later his body was found in a pool of water. I cannot tell how it got there, but I warned him. And I warn you, beware, God will stop your mouths. I bring you soundings and you do as a pack of unmitigated liars. Yet I pray God to bless you.

I have been asked when I will stop devil talking. And until I have got the devil licked, and until I have got the devil I will keep on talking little devils. I would like to save every one to the young fellows out of those literary scavenger's offices down town. And when I get to heaven I think I should like to go to hell to fight the devil there.

That's one time that I am for Judge He is just as decent as Edward, and "when thieves fall out honest men may get their dues."

That's the first thing I ever heard of Dowie saying that had any merit in it.

I would be glad to have Ed. reply to him through the Blade.

HEATHEN JAPAN

Is Immensely Superior, Morally, to Christian America. According to Christian Missionary to Japan.

Pasadena, Cal. June 12, 1904.

Brothers Moore and Hughes:

Find enclosed \$1 for further ride in the life boat.

I want to say to you, Bro. Moore, that I never had six months schooling and have had to pick up what little I know by being a studious newspaper reader, with some books, though a life of 73 years of hard labor, but I am not sorry that I have lived.

Please have patience with me in my scribbling, and send me as many blades as you can for enclosed stamps. I noticed in the last Blade that you were short on "copy," and so I send you a short criticism on the sayings of Dr. Butler who attended the General Methodist Episcopal Conference held in Los Angeles recently.

Rev. Dr. Butler has been a missionary in Japan for seventeen years. Japan, he said, although an Eastern country, is fighting for civilization. He said 5,000 had graduated from the Imperial University. In the last twenty-seven years, of which 400 studied science, 500 agriculture, 600 literature, 500 medicine, 1,200 engineering and 1,500 law.

You will notice that not one studied theology.

Dr. Butler says Japan has a thorough system of education. Prior to seventeen years ago I read an article giving the standing of the nations in regard to education, and that placed Japan as the best educated nation in the world; so he had nothing to do with their education. He says Japan has a better postal system than we have and that they are better governed than we are, and

that life and property are sacred here or in any other Christian nation? The daily papers tell the answer.

The Doctor says that Japan, although a heathen nation is struggling for Christian freedom. Is it not strange that not one of these 5,000 students studied theology? How much of a struggle of this kind have they made when not one of 5,000 graduates has studied theology in twenty-seven years?

He says the people are happier here than they are here.

According to the Bible Japan is a heathen nation—all except the Jews are heathen—but they don't seem to realize the fact.

The Doctor says there are 50,000 Christians in Japan. That may be true and many of them, perhaps, are half-heathens—half Japanese and half missionary.

Japan has 41,000,000 people. The Christians there are undoubtedly principally women and children and the ignorant classes. As not one graduate has studied theology, it is evident that the intelligent, educated classes there do not accept Christianity. So, in fact, I will reduce the 50,000 Christians to 44,000 and that will make just one Christian to each 1,000 of the population, but the Dr. says all this grand civilization is attributable to Christian influence.

Now suppose his statement is true, that one Christian in 1,000 Japanese has wrought this great reform how does he explain the fact that every Russian being a Christian is compelled to be a member of the Greek Church? That Russia, as he says, is living in the sixteenth century while Japan is living in the nineteenth century?

How is it that Christianity is so degrading to Russia and so elevating to Japan?

The Doctor after stating that Japan has a better government, better laws, better postal system and a happier and more contented people than we have, and that life and property are sacred there, then says: "Although she has but the shell of civilization the influence of Japan in China and Korea is something marvellous and is spreading every day, and I hardly need add that the nation's growth and advancement is due to Christian education and Christian civilization."

Further he says, "One of the results of our temperance work in the Philippines was the conversion of that island. That the nation's growth and advancement is due to Christian education and Christian civilization."

He may have been a heavy drinker. Many may remember that in Manila, at the time Dewey took the city of 450,000 inhabitants, there was but one or two saloons in the city, but as soon as the wires flashed the news of the United States Christian nation a shipload of intoxicants left Seattle for Manila and others followed in close pursuit, and there were 300 saloons there, and we had 430 saloons there, and they kept increasing in proportion to the increase of our style of Christian civilization and that was our temperance work, that our Christian soldiers established in Manila, and the Marar was horrified to think that the people of the great United States would bring such an evil among them.

Dr. Butler further says that Arno left the government service and now devotes his whole time to temperance reform.

After President Grant took his trip around the world, the father of the present Mayor of Chicago, Carter Harrison, took a trip around the world, and when at Tokio, Japan, he wrote to a Chicago paper—the Inter-Ocean I think—and said: "There is a city of 1,000,000 inhabitants, and not one drunken man in it; I think they have never any election campaigns here."

If Arno got to be a heavy drinker he undoubtedly got drunk on the shiploads of hell, shipped from these Christian United States.

Dr. Butler further says "The great majority of the native Christians are from the educated classes."

That, with many other of his statements, is undoubtedly a Christian lie.

I give, as evidence, the fact that not one in 5,000 University graduates, in twenty-seven years, studied theology.

The fact that in Russia every year is a Christian, by law, and no missionary can do missionary work in Russia is the cause of her now living in the sixteenth century, and the further fact that Japan is a pagan nation is the reason she is living in the nineteenth century.

Russia, Spain, Portugal, Mexico and some others where all are under church rule, show that the church is a lot to progress. E. LEWIS.

PRIEST MARTIN MAHONEY SENDS A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING

I have received a newspaper clipping from my priest friend, Martin Mahoney, in which, in immediate juxtaposition, are three items that Bro. Martin naturally thought would interest me.

The first one is a short piece used as an advertisement, in which Sam Jones "the great evangelist," testified to the wonderful powers of a fortune teller, who calls himself Professor Chesterfield.

It seems to me like a case of "telepathy." For a day or so, I have thought several times about Sam Jones.

It used to be that along about these Chautauque and camp meeting times the name of Sam Jones was very much in evidence, but now Sam seems to be as dead as most dead ones.

I suppose this is partly because Sam has bled the suckers of a plenty of money to be able to retire upon the fruits of his labor, the labor being working his jaw, but principally because the people are under the influence of infidelity, becoming more civilized and enlightened on religious questions, and have become tired of the stale and worn-by-hand of chestnuts that Sam dealt out to them for intellectual and moral poison.

Poor old Talmage made a desperate struggle to keep his reputation alive as long as his body should live, but the rep died before the carcass did, and Talmage is now almost faded from the memory of men and his name, once in the columns of almost every newspaper, is now hardly seen in print.

Some day Sam Jones will drop out and people will hardly know that he was ever lived up to that time.

The other place in Bro. Mahoney's clipping was about a man of the somewhat familiar name of Charlie Moore, who was the victim of a practical joke by his son.

The third place in Bro. Mahoney's clipping was about a Rev. Stanley B. Roberts, who had been to Palestine and Egypt, and seemed to confirm what I said about those places in Dog Fennel and seemed to indicate that the priest had read that book.

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WANTS MY VIEWS

Troy, Pa., June 22, 1904.

Mr. Charles C. Moore:

Dear Sir:—Please give me your views on the enclosed article. Wishing you health and happiness, I remain yours,

T. ROTHWELL.

The article is from the Philadelphia North-American, and is signed James Polk, Merchantsville, N. J. It is not necessary to reprint it in full, so that I will merely reprint its salient points. The opening paragraph is as follows:

"For eighteen hundred years men have been predicting the early demise of Christianity. Voltaire said that system of religion would be practically extinct within a century. In the A. S. where he made this statement, 3,000,000 Bibles are now printed annually. In the North American of last Sunday Mr. Dauntless refers to the Christian religion as 'slowly but surely to its decline.' Does he not know the membership of that church is at its greatest, has not ceased to increase and the progress of missionary effort in heathen lands has been almost phenomenal?"

It is not possible that for eighteen hundred years men have been predicting the early demise of Christianity, because there was no such thing as Christianity until Constantine started it in the fourth century and there was no such thing as a prediction of its early demise, since a prediction would have been perfectly unreasonable and the man who made the prediction would have been burned at the stake by the Christians.

The Christian system of religion is practically extinct to-day. No intelligent people believe that Christianity is true, and it is now merely kept up as a means of making money and as a political influence.

The story about 3,000,000 of Bibles being annually printed on the spot where Voltaire said that, I think is also told about some place in New York City where Paine said something, and I think lately read in an infidel paper.

If Voltaire ever said it, at all, it would be quite a coincidence that he should have said it on the spot that it should build a house to print 3,000,000 books of any kind annually.

It is surprising, under the circumstances, that Mr. Polk did not give the name of the town, or the country where that great Bible house is.

Voltaire lived in France and it is evident to any man who reads current literature that France is the most active enemy to the Christian religion of any country in the world.

As to the progress of missionary effort in heathen lands, I can speak intelligently. I have lately been in heathen lands and made a specialty of noticing the effect of missionary efforts in those lands. I found missionaries living there in infidel styles on the money that the Christians are fools enough to send them, with not a bit more evidence that the heathen were accepting Christianity than there is that the Christians in America are accepting the religions of the heathen.

The Buddhism of India, in the shape of theosophy, it seems to me, is having more influence upon Christianity in America than Christianity in having upon Mohammedanism in Asia.

In Jerusalem and in Bethlehem where Christianity originated, the Mohammedan heathen seems only to allow Christianity to exist because the Mohammedans are greedy for the money that the Christians to those places is a source of great revenue to the Mohammedan government that owns those places.

No honest and intelligent man who has visited the birthplace of Jesus, and seen them guarded all the time with heathen Mohammedans to keep the Christians from murdering each other at those most sacred spots, would say that the spread of Christianity among the heathen was "phenomenal."

Then Mr. Polk says as follows: "The critics had ridiculed the statement in the fifty-second chapter of Isaiah, that the Jews when in Egypt had been oppressed by an Assyrian. They were sure this was an error. Then the mummy of Ramses II, the Pharaoh of the Oppression, the very personage Moses talked with, was found. Later monuments of his day were unearthed, and all the world knows Ramses was an Assyrian and not an Egyptian."

"The mummies of all the Pharaohs of the nineteenth dynasty which reigned when Moses lived, have been

found except that of Menepthah, who occupied the throne during his father's old age. The Bible says he and his hosts were overthrown in the Red Sea. His tomb has been found empty and unfinished."

This sounds bold and learned, but is not at all in accord with facts. I was one of thousands of people who saw, at the Chicago world's fair, in the Egyptian department, the mummy of Ramses II, who was there, and then, said to be the Pharaoh who was ruling in Egypt at the time of the Exodus of the Jews when the story of the Pharaoh being drowned in the Red Sea is said in the Bible, to have occurred.

Long and full accounts of the finding of that mummy of Ramses II, were given in our finest magazines, and there was much discussion as to how it could be possible that he was drowned in the Red Sea, and then found and exhibited at Chicago, but so far as I can recall no scientific or archaeological doubtless the genuineness of the mummy, alleged to be that of Ramses II.

Last year in the museum of antiquities, at Cairo, Egypt, I saw among many famous mummies, the one said to be that of Ramses II, and recognized it as the same that had been at Chicago.

The most learned Egyptologist in the world, an American, at that museum, as guides, in Cairo and they told our party, including nineteen clergymen, Catholic and Protestant, that this was the mummy of Ramses II, who was said in the Bible to have been drowned in the Red Sea, and I did not hear from the clergymen, or from any one else, any dissent to their statement.

When I saw him, the two times, he was "very" enough to be a shining light in prohibition—didn't seem to have come to his end yet, and I think repented in the Bible, some preacher's account of having lately seen that mummy of Ramses II, in the Cairo museum, and in answering the argument of the infidels that it's presence in that museum showed that he could not have been drowned in the Red Sea, the preacher stated that the body of Pharaoh had been recovered, but he did not doubt that the body in the museum was the body of Ramses II, who was drowned in the Red Sea, to follow the Jews across the Red Sea.

Of course he was wrong in this explanation. The Bible says—Exodus xiv, 27—"And the waters returned and covered the chariot and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them: there remained not so much as one of them."

I think I readily agree that Mr. Polk's positive assertions are merely assertions, unsupported by evidence.

Another extract from Mr. Polk is as follows: "Are the scriptures inspired? Drop the half-pint. Let one test be applied. Stretching through a period of more than two thousand years, Old Testament prophecies forecast of a coming Messiah—Christ. In every book the prophecies are foretold."

It is foretold of what parentage He should come, the time He should be born, in which town the nativity should be, under what conditions, in a short tale. I made sure I would see your comment, but I guess you were too busy feeding your dogs or trimming your whiskers and hair, as it was about "sheep shearing time."

Some time ago I. S. Welch sent me a clipping from the "Firm Foundation," and told me to send it to you, and ask you to comment on it, but just as I was getting ready to send it I got the Bible and saw your comment on the Rev. U. G. Wilkinson, which was good enough for me.

Now I want to say that Rev. Wilkinson is my neighbor and has had two debates with L. S. Welch of Sweetwater, Okla., in which I was moderator. Let me say that Rev. Wilkinson has been met in debate every many debates here between Campbellite preachers and infidels.

J. C. Remsburg of Atchison, Kans., and Rev. W. B. Johnson, of Indian Territory and L. S. Welch and Rev. W. B. Johnson is the only man that is anything like fair in debate.

I consider Wilkinson the ablest of all the preachers, and the most honest of all, and Chism the most unfair and the weakest in argument of all the men I ever heard in debate.

I think it would be a waste of time for you to meet Chism but an honor to meet Wilkinson. So if you and Wilkinson get up a fight I am going to try to be on hand, but I think you will have to come out here if you ever meet Wilkinson.

Would like to know how much it will cost us to get you out here. I think I can get up the money if I don't cost too much.

I would like to hear from you. If you don't print this letter write me and let me know if you can come, how much it will cost, and when it will

be to fulfillments of prophecy when he comes to examine the Old Testament in connection with them.

Of course I could not take these prophecies one at a time and answer them here, (I have done so in my first book, "The Rational View") but I will give one example of these alleged fulfillments of prophecy.

In the New Testament, in speaking of Jesus in his infancy, it says—Matthew 2, 23—"And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth; that it might be fulfilled that was spoken by the prophets. He shall be called a Nazarene."

You would suppose from this language in the New Testament that at least TWO of the prophets had used this language in the Old Testament, but no language of that kind is found either in any of the prophets or in any other part of the Old Testament.

A fourth quotation from Mr. Polk is as follows: "It is incredible that Christ's disciples would band themselves together to falsify lies on mankind, but we are not dependent upon them to furnish proof of the salient facts in Christ's life. Profane scribbles do that, and these are supplemented by the Acts of Pilate, an important document, on file at Rome, and often quoted by the early writers. The evidence of the inspiration of the Bible found in the fulfillment of the prophecies relating to Christ have never been refuted. Skeptics prefer to discuss hair-splitting details."

Why is it any more "incredible" that the disciples would band themselves together to falsify lies on mankind, than it is that the disciples of men before Christ and during his life and clear on to this day, should band together to falsify lies upon mankind?

Certainly the disciples of Mohammed and Jesus Smith and Mrs. Eddy and Dowd, any of whom were more intelligent, and, as far as we know, quite as honest as the disciples of Jesus banded together to falsify lies upon mankind, and all of these are credited in gaining believers far more intelligent than those in which Jesus lived.

There is not a profane writer known to history that gives any account of any salient fact in the life of Jesus. The nearest to it is the short passage in Josephus now commonly acknowledged by all scholars in this line, in the whole world, who regards the "Acts of Pilate" as any one of the most honest and reliable of all the ancient historians.

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only you to come. The best time for people here is August, as people will be through with crops.

There is a good house at Grady and lots of infidels, so you will please let me know at once and oblige.

H. A. Houser, Esq. P. 8.—If you would come out here I am sure you could sell some books and get some subscribers to the Blade as crops are fine.—H. A. H.

In reply to the above I have mailed the following letter: Lexington, Ky., June 29, E. M. 304. H. A. Houser, Esq.

Dear Bro.—I have many friends in Indian Territory and have previously been asked to come there to speak but never, until this time have I entertained the idea as being a possibility.

an now, though, inclined to go there, and the members of my family wish us to do so, and I have worked pretty hard for some time and I think the trip would be a pleasant and profitable recreation to me, so that I accept your proposition to come to your country and have the debate with Rev. Wilkinson.

I only want my actual traveling expenses paid that I think would not exceed twenty-five or thirty dollars. Like yourself I have a high regard for Rev. Wilkinson and I have a strong conviction that a discussion of the question proposed—the existence of a god and the inerrancy of the Bible—by us, would be interesting and profitable to those who would honor us with a hearing.

Please convey to the Reverend gentleman with my regards, such information, on this line, as you deem advisable.

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CHARLES C. MOORE. P. 8.—I suppose the debate would occupy a week, as long, each day, as comfortable to all, about half the time to each proposition, Wilkinson affirming the existence of a god and affirming the inerrancy of the Bible.

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This is simply a piece of business management like the trusts and big corporations are practicing, and is a scheme on the part of the big and influential preachers to crowd out the small fry of their profession so that the big ones can get more money.

In their game they would lose to infidelity as a great part of the influence of the church now—probably the greatest part—is attributable to the envy and jealousy and rivalry of the sects, and that immense force would of course, all be lost if they were to consolidate.

The small preachers thus ousted, should the scheme materialize, would in many instances, join the infidels to help beat the big preachers.

These proposed combinationists get the cue from the supposed solid front of the Catholic church and the immense influence the Catholics are having because of their infidelity. But the fact is that the whole Roman Catholic church, that is familiar to the people of America, is only an offshoot from the Greek Catholic church, and it really the Catholics who are the Christian religion, and the books of the New Testament having been given us in Greek.

It would be just as impossible for all the Protestant denomination to join in one body as it now is to get all the people of this country into one political body. Greed and ambition and hate would all conspire, in religion, just as in politics, to make separate and conflicting rival organizations of Protestant religionists, just as it now does of politicians.

For a long time the Protestants have been naive to see that infidels did not regard them as of importance because of their jealousy of each other, or they furthered the cause of infidelity and Protestants have noticed that while all American Journalism defers to the Catholics, it pays no attention to any one sect of Protestants, and it really comes to really only one sect of Christians, stand as the equals, at least, of all the combined sects of Protestants.

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